of Medicines & Homoeopathy, are selected and cultivated under this Scheme.

(d) Four Institutions from Maharashtra have been financed under this scheme.

During the financial year 1990-91

1. Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri ....Rs. 5.00 lakh

During the financial year 1992-93

2. Govt. Ayurveda & Unani Pharmacy, Nanded ...Rs. 5.00 lakh

During the financial year 1993-94

3. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola ....Rs. 7.25 lakh

4. Punjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola ....Rs. 5.60 lakh

Effect of DDT on Male Fertility

2348. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Statesman' of July 6, 1995 under the caption, "DDT affects male fertility";

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry about the adverse effect of DDT used to control mosquitoes on male fertility; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) to what extent the use of DDT to save the foodgrains from insects is injurious to the health of the public; and

(e) what preventive steps Government have taken in this regard to save the lives of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no scientific finding to support this statement.

(d) and (e) According to Central Government instructions, insecticides supplied under the National Malaria Eradication Programme are to be used by the State Governments for spraying in endemic areas; sparying operations are to be restricted to the transmission seasons only and to be conducted under close supervision. Use of DDT has been banned in agriculture and there is a ceiling on the use of insecticibes for public health requirement.

Vacancies in AIIMS

2349. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the faculty of AIIMS to be filled in;

(b) the details of each vacancy and also the date on which vacancy occurred;

(c) what steps are being taken to fill up each vacancy; and

(d) whether Government are aware of any problem in the functioning of AIIMS, if so, the details thereof and action taken to overcome the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) There are 87 vacancies in the faculty of AIIMS.

(b) As per statement enclosed, *(see* below)

(c) Action is under process to select suitable candidates for the posts of Professor in various disciplines. The matter of reservation in appointment to the post of Assistant Professor is sub-judice.

(d) No, Sir.